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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the papers filed 9/9/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 115, 123-126, 161, 162, 164, 165 renumbered respectively 1-9.
3. The drawings filed on 09 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace the abstract with the attached abstract which is on a separate sheet.

Remarks; the abstract has been amended so that it does not exceed the 150 word length limit.

2. Claims 1-114,116-122, 127-151, and 163 have been canceled.

Proposed claims 152-160 have not been entered. These claims were proposed during interference, but were not entered during the interference proceedings by the administrative patent judge.

Claims 115,123-126,161,162,164, and 165 have been renumbered as claims 1-9 respectively.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R Garland whose telephone number is 703-305-9759, after 10/13/04 at 571-272-3741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 to 5:00.

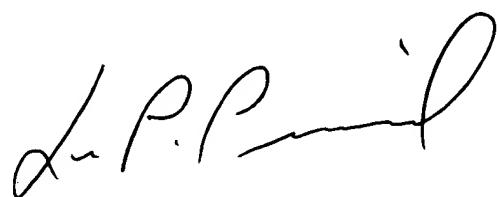
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard, can be reached on 703-308-0538 after 10/12/04 at (571)272-

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3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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STEVEN GARLAND

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.P." followed by a stylized surname.

LEO PICARD
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-- Abstract of the Disclosure

A teleoperator system with telepresence is shown which includes right and left hand controllers (72R and 72L) for control of right and left manipulators (24R and 24L) through use of a servomechanism that includes computer. The teleoperator system comprises a surgical system suited for endoscopic surgery. The surgical system includes a surgical instrument, a servomechanism and a controller. The surgical includes an insertion section and a control section. The insertion section comprises a forearm, a wrist and an end effector in the form of a surgical instrument head selected from the group consisting of retractors, electrosurgical cutters, electrosurgical coagulators, forceps, needle holders, scissors, blades and irrigators. The control section comprises a plurality of motors and linkages which operate to insert and retract the forearm, rotate the forearm, pivot the forearm, and pivot the wrist link about the wrist joint. --